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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re  
U.S. application of: Shinya MATSUDA and Takashi  
MATSUO  
For: ACTUATOR USING A PIEZOELECTRIC  
ELEMENT  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/738,070  
Confirmation No.: 1177  
Filed: December 15, 2000  
Examiner: Peter M. Medley  
Group Art Unit: 2834

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Dear Sir:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE),  
of Application Serial No. 09/738,070, filed on December  
15, 2000, by Shinya MATSUDA and Takashi MATSUO,  
entitled ACTUATOR USING A PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT.

A Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time,  
extending the response period to October 8, 2002.

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Please enter the Amendment which was previously filed on September 11, 2002, but not entered by the Examiner, and which amends claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, and 14 and claims 16-24 have been added.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,102.00 (\$740.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), plus \$72.00 for the excess claims fee, and \$290.00, the difference between the two month extension fee of \$400.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2) and the one month extension fee of \$110 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)), to be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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